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## THE LEGISLATURE.

### SENATE.

The Senate met as usual Thursday morning and got through a deal of business. Two communications were received from the House of Representatives. The appropriation Bill received from the House appropriating expenses of the Special Session \$12,000 was referred back to the House owing to an error in engrossing. Minister Damon's Four Appropriation Bills came up one by one and were read first and second times and referred to the Finance Committee. Discussion chiefly by Senators Brown and Baldwin showed desire on the part of the Senate to investigate the necessity and precise object of the Appropriations asked for, especially the additional \$40,000 asked for Attorney General's Department and the \$15,000 for the Military. The bill for \$32,000 additional expenditure on Public Works was referred to the Committee of Public Lands and Improvements. President Wilder amid a general chorus of "kokua" suggested to the committee that some industry in the shape of a stone bridge be preferred to Rowell's suggestion of a steel bridge at Hailiamanu. The Hilo Electric Light Franchise bill then came up and Senator McCandless said that the Bill was now before the lower House and it was better to defer consideration as he understood that was the suggestion of the introducer. Senator Baldwin said he was the introducer and he thought action ought to be taken now. The bill was read a second time and referred on motion to a special committee as the Committee on Public Lands were interested parties. The President announced he would name the committee next meeting. The Land Bill was then laid over. President Wilder then wished the Education Committee to report a bill authorizing the census taken this year. Senator Brown said the suggestion of taking a census this year had come from the Labor Commission to the Senate and he thought that that body had taken too much on itself. The Executive ought to bring in the bill, until then the Senate should not notice it. It was a little impertinence on the part of the Labor Commission. Senator Waterhouse thought the suggestion re taking the census was good but agreed with Brown that Government ought to bring in the bill. The Game Law then passed its second reading and was referred on motion of Senator Brown to Judiciary committee. The Senate then adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House convened at 10 a. m. Prayers and minutes were read.

After considerable discussion a petition relating to lands near Hilo was referred to the Cabinet.

Robertson stated that under the constitution everything seemed to be in the hands of the Cabinet.

McBryde, on behalf of the finance committee, couldn't see any use of the committee working or reporting if all the financial matters were in the hands of the Cabinet.

Kamaooha thought that the Cabinet might glean some points by the reports of the committee.

Richards thought that he was there to represent the people. If the Legislature had no power the members had better resign. He proposed to have every petition sent to the Legislature fully considered and attended to. The members represent the people and not the Cabinet.

McBryde then read a report from the Finance Committee relating to a petition asking for the connection of Beretania and Vineyard streets. The report was referred to the Executive.

Special order of the day, Act No. 4, was called. The act refers to the regulation of currency. The engrossed bill was read and passed, the eyes and noses being called.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of Act 7, relating to the regulation of sales of goods by travelling agents.

On motion of McBryde the bill was referred to the Committee of Agriculture.

Robertson moved consideration of bill No. 6 which deals with the incorporation of the Honolulu Electric Railway Company.

Kamaooha moved that the reading of the bill be dispensed with. Carried.

Robertson moved that the bill be referred to a select committee. Carried.

The speaker appointed Robertson, Kamaooha and Richards.

A communication from the late secretary of the Advisory Council, Dr. Rodgers, was read, in which he expressed his willingness to have sent to the Legislature twenty copies of the laws passed by the late body, but it had been found impracticable to do so.

The communication was laid on the table.

Robertson moved that the House take a recess to 1:30.

Kamaooha wanted to know if the Councillors of State elected were not legally elected. He wanted the Attorney-General to shed light on the subject.

The Attorney-General shed light and said that as the matter had been referred to a committee it was perhaps proper to leave the matter in their hands.

The House then took a recess to 1:30 o'clock.

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